

Thursday 11th March, 1pm

The Runnymede Trust is co-ordinating a shadow report assessing the Government's implementation of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD) on behalf of civil society organisations.

We are seeking evidence from civil society organisations, academics and institutions to shape our report. The Civil Society report is crucial to holding the Government to account for their legal obligations under CERD.

About the Roundtable:

The event will aim to:

1. Explain the purpose of CERD using expert voices who have connections with the Runnymede Trust, the process of producing a Shadow report and how your organisations can engage in this process;
2. Gather and build information and evidence from you on the key issues pertinent to racial inequality in the UK, to influence the content of the Shadow Report.

About CERD:

The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) is an international human rights instrument of which the UK is a signatory. The UK ratified the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD) in 1969.

The convention is structured into 25 articles divided into three parts. Part 1 of the convention commits parties to the following key points: the elimination of racial discrimination, segregation and the incitement of racial hatred; the protection of civil, political, economic and social rights for all, without distinction of race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin; and education to promote understanding.

Parts 2 and 3 of the convention are more procedural in nature and cover the role of the committee and the ratification, entry into force and amendment of the convention.

The implementation of CERD is monitored by the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Around every five years, the Committee reviews how well each state is putting into practice the rights in CERD.

About Runnymede:

The Runnymede Trust is the UK's leading independent race equality think tank. We generate intelligence to challenge race inequality in Britain through research, network building, leading debate, and policy engagement.

Runnymede is working to build a Britain in which all citizens and communities feel valued, enjoy equal opportunities, lead fulfilling lives, and share a common sense of belonging.

In order to effectively overcome racial inequality in our society, we believe that our democratic dialogue, policy, and practice, should all be based on reliable evidence from rigorous research and thorough analysis.